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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES,  
PUERTO RICO, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**SUBJECT:** All States (Log Number P00-0002) Policy on Alteration of Tactical Wheeled Vehicles for Non-Tactical Purposes

1. References:

- a. AR 750-1, dated 1 August 1994.
- b. Applicable Vehicle Technical Manuals.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Army National Guard (ARNG) policy on subject as shown above. It is the ARNG policy that all alterations to combat vehicles must be consistent with Army regulation and policy, to include the paint scheme. Repainting a tactical wheeled vehicle from the requirements of the references cited above, or any other modification for non-tactical purposes, is not authorized.

3. Recently, a number of States have requested permission to convert or demilitarize one or more tactical vehicles under the provisions of Reference 1.a, to serve as displays during recruiting and retention (R&R) activities. The High-Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) is the preferred tactical vehicle of choice for these displays. A variety of modifications have been requested ranging from repainting the vehicle to a patriotic theme, changing out the interior seats and accessories for a non-tactical commercial product, and to applying adhesive or magnetic placards with recruiting information and sponsor advertisements to the vehicles.

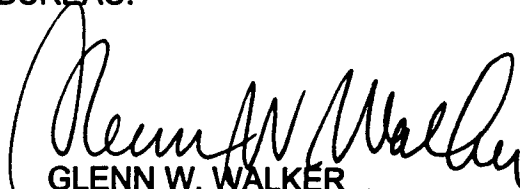
4. The National Guard Bureau is sensitive to the demands placed on the States to maintain and increase recruiting and retention. However, the Army National Guard is short over 8,000 each of the HMMWV for tactical units, with no foreseeable get-well date. It is deemed inappropriate to use a combat vehicle in critical short supply for non-tactical purposes, and also, to apply non-tactical modifications and remove the vehicle from service with a MTOE unit on a semi-permanent basis. Unfortunately, there are few other options available. Since there are no restrictions on the normal use of these tactical vehicles in recruiting and retention efforts, it is recommended that States consider using the HMMWV in its standard combat configuration to support the activities, and to only use it on an as needed basis. Another option may be to use non-tactical wheeled vehicles.

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5. Point of contact is Mr. Harry Oberg, NGB-ARL-S, 703-607-7413 or DSN 327-7413.
6. This memorandum expires 10 December 2000 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.
7. The Army Logistics Division, Keeping the Guard Ready.

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